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For: **CELL CALCIFICATION SUPPRESSING**)
PROTEINS, AND GENES OF)
THE PROTEINS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination:

Please substitute claims 1 and 5 as follows.

a1 Claim 1. (Amended) A C-11 protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 2,
said protein having cell calcification inhibitory activity.

a2 Claim 5. (Amended) A cell-calcification inhibitor comprising a c-erg protein comprising an
amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. No. 4, said protein having cell calcification inhibitory activity.